

COUNTRY Austria Approved For Release 2001/12/12 : CIA-RDP80-00810A000500050TOPIC Goetzendorf Airfield and Military Post

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1. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 27 December 1952, 45 Pe-2s, 2 Boston A 20 planes, and 3 Aira Cobra F 63 A planes were observed at Goetzendorf (P 49/X 57) airfield. There was hazy weather, partially ground fog, later good visibility, a 10/10 overcast and an easterly wind of about 10 km/h. No flights were made. Three Pe-2s, 1 radio truck, 2 trucks and 1 tank trailer were parked in front of the flight control station. The planes were guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Their engines were occasionally raced. At about noon, driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, loaded with food containers, approached from the direction of Goetzendorf. No change was observed on the fenced-in low wooden buildings and the two observation towers on the eastern edge of the field. driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets left the field toward Goetzendorf.

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2. A sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was posted at the komendatura which was frequented by staff officers who also wore black-bordered blue epaulets. driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets parked for a short time in front of the building. A medical corps major wearing black-bordered blue epaulets left the hospital toward the komendatura. Six men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets unloaded potatoes from two trucks in the yard of the kitchen and the garage. No change was observed on the antenna mast with a cone-shaped bracing at the motor vehicle parking place. Motor vehicles parked there included 6 tank trucks, about 14 van-like trucks, about 26 trucks, 2 jeeps and 1 weapons carrier.

 There was traffic by trucks / drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Four women wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and some soldiers who wore the same epaulets and carried cable reels were observed at the south-southeastern end of Goetzendorf. No change was observed at the fuel dump. Officers observed near the officers' billets on the southeastern edge of Goetzendorf included one lieutenant colonel and two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and four majors wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. No changes were observed at the antenna mast with a cone-shaped bracing in Fasangarten.¹

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Comment. Goetzendorf airfield is still occupied by a bomber regiment. From the information that, since late September 1952, no air activity has been observed being conducted by the Po-2s of the regiment it may be inferred that the crews have completed their training.

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